

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to  
the Office Action mailed on December 14, 2007 having a three-month statutory period for

response set to expire on March 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.